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TAGS: OVIP, EC (LEORO FRANCO, LUIS)

SUBJECT: VISIT TO THE U.S. OF ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE GENERAL

REF: USDAO QUITO 142233Z MAR 78

1. U.S. LAW REQUIRES THE SECRET SERVICE TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR ALL VISITING CHIEFS OF STATE UNLESS A CHIEF OF STATE DECLINES SUCH PROTECTION IN WRITING. FOR BG LEORO'S TRIP TO THE U.S., THE U.S. AIR FORCE'S OFFICE OF SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS (OSI) WILL PROVIDE 14 TEAM MEMBERS FOR SECURITY TO ESCORT LEORO FROM PANAMA TO LAS VEGAS TO MIAMI. LEORO WILL HAVE ARMED OSI PROTECTION THE ENTIRE TIME HE IS IN THE U.S. ARA/AND THINKS THAT THE ABOVEMENTIONED PROTECTION IS SUFFICIENT FOR LEORO, GIVEN THE NATURE OF HIS TRIP AND THE ABSENCE OF ANY KNOWN THREAT. IN THIS CASE WE THINK THAT ASKING FOR A DECLINATION FROM LEORO IS CALLED FOR IN ORDER TO SAVE THE U.S. TAXPAYERS SOME MONEY BY AVOIDING UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION.  
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2. THEREFORE, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN FROM LEORO'S PRESIDENTIAL AIDE A WRITTEN DECLINATION OF SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION FOR LEORO. THE AIDE MAY SIGN, AFTER CLEARING WITH LEORO. WE LEAVE THE LANGUAGE TO YOU, AND EXPECT

THAT YOU WILL WANT TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING IN THIS TELEGRAM

SO THAT LEORO WILL UNDERSTAND THAT HE WILL BE RECEIVING  
ROUND-THE-CLOCK PROTECTION THE ENTIRE TIME THAT HE IS IN  
THE U.S.

3. ONCE YOU HAVE OBTAINED THE WRITTEN DECLINATION, PLEASE  
CABLE THAT FACT (SLUGGED FOR THE SECRET SERVICE) PRIORITY,  
AND POUCH THE DECLINATION TO MR. H. STUART KNIGHT,  
DIRECTOR, SECRET SERVICE, C/O SY COMMAND CENTER,  
(ATTENTION CHARLES MADDOX), DEPARTMENT OF STATE. COOPER

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